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For: MASK PATTERN CORRECTION  
METHOD, MASK PATTERN  
CREATION SYSTEM USING THE  
CORRECTION METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM

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Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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